

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 18-51 and 55-70 are pending in this application. Claims 1-17 and 52-54 were previously cancelled. Claim 55 is amended herein to correct a minor typographical error. As such, no new matter is added.

Applicant respectfully requests that this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 be entered by the Office, placing the pending claims in a condition for allowance. Applicant submits that the proposed amendment does not raise new issues or necessitate any additional searches by the Office, since all of the elements and their relationships claimed were either earlier claimed or inherent in the claims as examined. Moreover, Applicant's proposed amendments adopt the Office's suggestions made on page 7 of the Final Office Action dated March 31, 2010. Therefore, this Amendment should allow for immediate action by the Office.

Applicant further submits that the entry of this Amendment would place the application in better form for appeal, should the Office dispute the patentability of the pending claims.

II. Double Patenting

The Office rejects claim 18 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 7,188,033. Office Action at page 2. The Office also rejects claim 55 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 94 of co-pending U.S. Application No. 11/596,218, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 7,689,367. *Id.* at 4. Applicant respectfully disagrees. However, in order to advance prosecution, Applicant

submits herewith Terminal Disclaimers over U.S. Patent Nos. 7,188,033 and 7,689,367. As such, the rejections are moot and Applicant respectfully requests that the Office withdraw them.

III. Claim Objection

The Office objects to claim 55 due to a typographical informality. *Id.* at 6-7. Claim 55 is amended herein to correct the typographical error. As such, Applicant respectfully requests that the Office withdraw the objection.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant requests that the Office withdraw the outstanding objections and rejections, and grant the timely allowance of all of pending claims 18-51 and 55-70.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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Attachments: (1) Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 7,188,033
(2) Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 7,689,367